



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

JECVO Presentation

April 6, 2016

Agenda



- Cemeteries/Burial Honors
- Nursing Facilities
- Field Operations
- Legislative Agenda
- Homeless Program
- Women Veteran Program
- News & 2016 Upcoming Events

KENTUCKY STATE VETERANS CEMETERIES

(INTERMENTS SINCE INCEPTION) *AS OF: March 31, 2016* (FY 2016)

KVCW - Opened (1 Mar 04)	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	TOTALS
VETERANS	50	121	170	194	159	203	218	211	240	205	230	220	176	2,397
FAMILY MEMBERS	11	17	31	54	67	73	65	79	80	103	106	94	77	857
TOTAL	61	138	201	248	226	276	283	290	320	308	336	314	253	3,254
CASKETED	38	99	152	192	171	210	205	222	222	215	239	210	170	2,345
CREMAINS	23	39	49	50	51	62	74	66	95	89	96	100	82	876
MEMORIALS	0	0	0	6	4	4	4	2	3	4	1	4	1	33
KVCC - Opened (1 Jun 07)				FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	TOTALS
VETERANS				36	385	342	378	419	389	424	448	442	393	3,656
FAMILY MEMBERS				5	60	67	77	76	103	96	114	125	80	803
TOTAL				41	445	409	455	495	492	520	562	567	473	4,459
CASKETED				23	335	297	321	339	361	351	393	393	323	3,136
CREMAINS				18	105	108	130	154	122	169	167	174	149	1,296
MEMORIALS				0	5	4	4	2	9	0	2	0	1	27
KVCN - Opened (22 Aug 08)						FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	TOTALS
VETERANS						97	122	109	125	135	164	142	89	983
FAMILY MEMBERS						13	19	22	27	23	32	36	24	196
TOTAL						110	141	131	152	158	196	178	113	1,179
CASKETED						63	96	75	95	101	116	101	79	726
CREMAINS						42	40	51	54	54	78	75	34	428
MEMORIALS						5	5	5	3	3	2	2	0	25
KVCNE - Opened (1 Oct 10)								FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	TOTALS
VETERANS								78	70	95	91	102	68	504
FAMILY MEMBERS								12	11	13	19	27	16	98
TOTAL								90	81	108	110	129	84	602
CASKETED								61	54	74	76	96	63	424
CREMAINS								27	26	34	33	32	21	173
MEMORIALS								2	1	0	1	1	0	5
TOTAL INTERMENTS													9,494	

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West

Opened March 1, 2004

As of March 2016

Interments:	
Veterans	2,397
Dependents	<u>857</u>
Total	3,254
Cremated	876

KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERY
WEST

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central

Opened June 1, 2007

As of March 2016

Interments:

Veterans 3,656

Dependents 803

Total 4,459

Cremated 1,296

The image shows the entrance to the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central. A large, light-colored stone wall spans the width of the frame, with the words "KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERY" in large, bold, black letters. Below this, the word "CENTRAL" is also in bold black letters. In the center of the wall, a tall, white, cylindrical monument stands on a base. Atop the monument is a golden eagle with its wings spread. A tall flagpole is positioned behind the monument, flying the American flag. The background consists of green trees and a clear blue sky. In the foreground, there are three black benches spaced out along the wall.

KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERY
CENTRAL

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North

Opened August 22, 2008

A large, light-colored stone entrance sign for the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North. The sign is flanked by two pillars, the right one topped with a golden eagle sculpture. The text 'KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERY' is engraved in large, bold letters, with 'NORTH' in smaller letters below it. In the background, there are several American flags on poles, a white building, and a green landscape under a clear sky.

KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERY
NORTH

As of March 2016

Interments:	
Veterans	983
Dependents	<u>196</u>
Total	1,179
Cremated	428

Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North East

Opened October 1, 2010



**KENTUCKY VETERANS CEMETERY
NORTHEAST**

As of March 2016

Interments:	
Veterans	504
Dependents	<u>98</u>
Total	602
Cremated	173

Burial Honors Stipend Program

As of: March 2016



FY 15 Honors

- 2,564 performed
- \$144,739 expended

FY 16 Honors

- 2,056 performed
- \$116,280 expended



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KDVA greatly appreciates your
constant vigil and support!



Current Issues/Topics

- ▶ The Pugh Report
 - ▶ Current Census Mix
 - ▶ Current Demographics, Facility Information
 - ▶ Radcliff Construction Update
 - ▶ State Veteran Home Construction Facts/Updates (Bowling Green/Magoffin Co.
 - ▶ Application Changes/pending new form
 - ▶ NASVH News from the Executive Committee
 - ▶ Wrap Up
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KY State Veterans Homes
Resident Demographics
as of April 1, 2016

Line #		THVC	EKVC	WKVC	TOTAL	PERCENT
	Capacity	285	120	156	561	
1	Total Census/Residents:	231	106	115	452	81%
2	Total Females:	9	3	2	14	3%
3	# covered by Medicare Part A	6	7	4	17	4%
4	# covered by Medicare Part B	41	10	7	58	13%
5	# covered by Medicaid	83	63	40	186	41%
6	Total Vacant beds	54	14	41	109	19%
	SCU Vacant beds	11	5	0	16	15%
	Gen Vacant beds	43	9	39	91	83%
	CLC's			2		
7	YTD Admissions (FY 2016)	98	30	45	173	
8	Total Scheduled Admissions	1	0	0	1	- - - -
	Total Deaths: FY/15-16 YTD	98	24	35	157	- - - -
	SCU Deaths FY/15-16 YTD	12	1	14	27	17%
	Gen Deaths FY/15-16 YTD	86	23	21	130	83%
10	Total Admissions Waiting List:	0	0	11	11	- - - -
	SCU List	0	0	2	2	18%
	Gen List	3	0	0	3	27%
11	Free Meds	72	27	43	142	31%
12	70% Service Connected and above	39	23	26	89	20%
13	All Service Connected Disability	53	31	35	119	26%
14	Medicare Part B	201	86	108	395	87%
15	Residents with Spouses	68	26	42	136	30%
16	Max Charge (\$3,700)	102	15	48	165	37%
17	Zero Pay	4	1	2	7	2%
18	Ex-POWs	2	2	1	5	1%
	Total Filled FT Positions	312	165	174	651	85%
	Total Allocated FT Positions	387	168	210	765	- - - -

The Carlos Pugh Report



Office of Kentucky Veterans Centers, State Veterans Homes 2016



Thomson-Hood Veterans Center
Wilmore, KY
285 Beds. Currently 232 Veterans (81%)
387 Budgeted Staff



Eddie Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center, Hanson, KY
156 Beds. Currently 118 veterans
210 Budgeted Staff

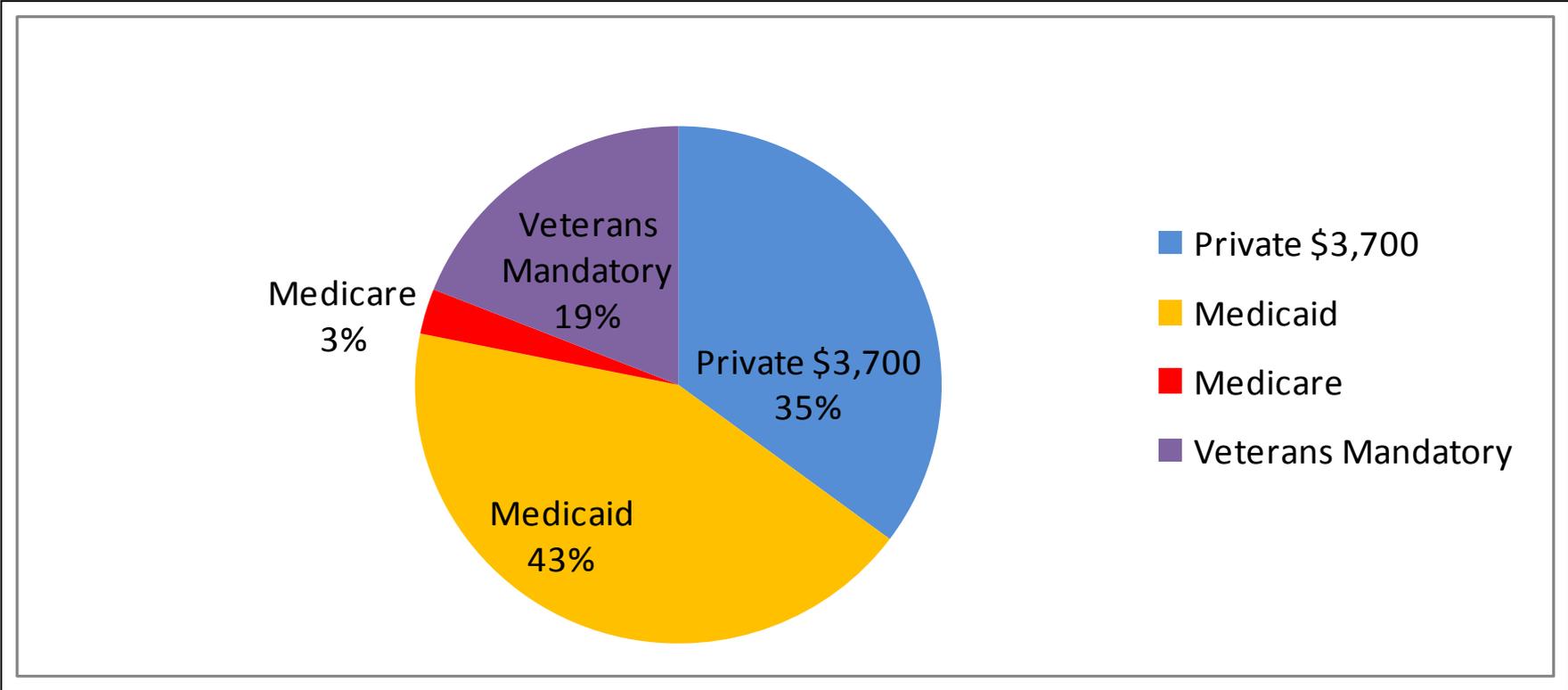


Radcliff Veterans Center, Radcliff KY
120 Beds, Current 5 Key Staff Members,
Hiring first round of core staff now.



Paul E. Patton Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center, Hazard KY
120 Beds, Currently 111 veterans
168 Budgeted Staff

OKVC Census FY 16 YTD 4/1/16





Thomson-Hood Veterans Center Wilmore, KY

- 232 Residents in house (232/285) no waiting list
 - 310/387 Positions filled
 - Eisenhower unit for replacement project nearing completion
 - Fishing Pond Project
 - Job Fair – Saturday, April 30th 10-2pm
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- MAJ Ben Sweger USA(Ret)
Facility Administrator

As of April 1, 2016





Western Kentucky Veterans Center

Hanson, KY

- 118 Residents in house (118/156)
 - Flooring Project/Replacement completed
 - 177/210 Filled positions
 - The annual OIG survey, one minor deficiency, in compliance.
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- LaDonna Scott,
Facility Administrator

As of April 1, 2016





Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center Hazard, KY

- 113 Residents in house (113/120) Bed locked, 2 on waiting list
- Excellent annual OIG survey, one minor deficiency. In compliance.
- 165/168 Positions filled (no nursing positions open)
- Flooring Project/Replacement

- Neil Napier,
Facility Administrator

As of April 1, 2016



Radcliff Veterans Center



RADCLIFF VETERANS CENTER

TEMPORARY USE AND OCCUPANCY: June 6, 2016

RESIDENT OCCUPANCY: August 07, 2016

SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION: September, 2016

FINIALCOMPLETION: October, 2016

Dates as of April 1, 2016, subject to change.

To be placed on the admission list email the following information to the Admissions Coordinator, John Phillips, at John.Phillips@ky.gov and provide him with the following information:

1. Contact name
2. Contact number
3. Email
4. Veterans Name
5. Current Location

You will receive notification when the facility starts actively taking application information. Radcliff Veterans Center is being added to our one click application page on our website. The work should be completed within the next week.

Application Process Changes

- ▶ The 16 page application is no longer required
- ▶ Shifts process/burden to State Veteran Home staff instead of the veteran/family
- ▶ April – will move the admission button to the front page of the KDVA website so it will be one stop shopping
- ▶ Still need a DD-214 or equivalent along with proof of Kentucky residency (Please send in immediately to admission staff)

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs - State Veterans Home Admission Process

1. Go to www.veterans.ky.gov, click the Nursing Homes tab



2. Click on the Overview tab



3. On the right hand of the page, click on the facility of interest



4. Fill in the information, only five simple lines, then click Next at the bottom of the page

The screenshot shows the 'Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center' application inquiry form. The form has five input fields: 'Contact Person's Name', 'Contact Person's Phone', 'Contact Person's Email Address', 'Veteran's Name', and 'Veteran's Current Location'. Each field has a small example text below it. The form is titled 'Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center Application Inquiry' and includes a brief description of the facility.

5. The next screen will be a confirmation page including a message informing you that you will receive a call no later than the next business day. It will also give you a number to call in the event you are not contacted. Click Finish to return to the homepage. The admission coordinator will lead you through the rest of the process.

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs has great news we think you are going to like!

We've revamped our admission process and retired the 16 page paper application!

1. If you are using a computer, here is all you need to do:
 - a. Go to www.veterans.ky.gov, click on the Nursing Home tab, then click on the Overview tab.
 - b. On the right hand side of the page, there are three buttons. One each for Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center in Hazard, Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson and Thomson-Hood Veterans Center in Wilmore.
 - c. Click on the facility you want to apply to.
 - d. Provide the information on the inquiry page; Contact person, Contact person's phone number, Contact persons email, Veterans name, and Veterans current location. Click Next at the bottom of the page. You will receive a notice indicating you will be contacted no later than the next business day.
2. If you don't use a computer, please call an admission coordinator and they will start the process for you:
 - a. **Thomson-Hood Veterans Center** – 859-858-2814 and ask for the admission coordinator, Lavonna Ryssemus
 - b. **Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center** – 606-435-6196 and ask for the admission coordinator, Ray Collins.
 - c. **Western Kentucky Veterans Center** – 270-322-9087 and ask for the admission coordinator, Lisa Ware.
3. Make sure you have a copy of the veteran's DD-214 or equivalent and proof of the veteran's Kentucky residency. Send that to the admission coordinator as soon as possible. No admission will occur without those two items.
4. We will take it from there! There will be more questions and information we need, but we will lead you through the process.



Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center



Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center

Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center Application Inquiry

Located in the beautiful mountains of Southeastern Kentucky, the Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center is a 120 bed long-term care facility providing skilled nursing care and rehabilitation for Kentucky veterans. Our facility is comprised of 3 nursing units. Our 30 bed unit located on the first floor is a secured unit. We have two nursing units upstairs for skilled/intermediate care that are 45 beds each. Our mission is *"We are committed to serving Kentucky's veterans by fostering independence, preserving dignity and providing compassionate care."*

* Contact Person's Name

* Contact Person's Phone

Ex: 555-555-5555

Contact Person's Email Address

Ex: example@kentucky.gov

* Veteran's Name

* Veteran's Current Location

Documentation Needed

- DD214** (military discharge papers)
- Proof of Kentucky residency**
- Medicaid Card** (if applicable)
- Medicare Card - Part A & B/ Replacement card**, front and back copies (if applicable)
- Medicare Card - Part D** (if applicable)
- Supplemental medical insurance cards**, front and back copies (if applicable)
- Social Security Card/Number**
- Power of Attorney** for health care and/or finance (if applicable)
- Guardianship Papers** (if applicable)
- Living Will (Advance directives)** (if applicable)
- Service Connected Disability/ Percentage & Award Letter** (if applicable)

Information Needed

- Emergency contact numbers**
- Single/ Married/ Divorced**
- Current medical history and physical**

Forms to be completed/ signed prior to admission

- Release of Information and/or HINQ**
- VA form 10 10 EZ - Application for health benefits** (For WKVC only)
- VA form 10-0460 - Request for Prescription Drugs** (For WKVC only)

SVH Construction Grant Facts

Kentucky Bed Allotment	818	
Current Beds in Operation	681	*Includes Radcliff
Subtotal Remaining	137	
Bowling Green Application	90	Not in Priority 1 Group
Remaining Beds in inventory	47	

Bowling Green Construction Application Update

99	27-034	MN	Minneapolis	Renovation: Pharmacy Remodel	5.F	\$1,313,413	\$795,577,381
100	29-041	MO	St. James	Renovation: Chapel and Pavilion	5.F	\$1,012,657	\$796,590,038
101	04-006	AZ	Flagstaff	New Construction: 120 Bed Facility	6.0	\$18,525,000	\$815,115,038
102	47-010	TN	Memphis	New Construction: 140 Bed Facility	8.0	\$11,533,000	\$826,648,038
103	18-001	IN	Lafayette	New Construction: 65 Bed Facility	8.0	\$7,990,000	\$834,638,038
104	06-060	CA	Yountville	New Construction: 280 Bed Facility	8.0	\$87,540,174	\$922,178,212
105	17-045	IL	Anna	New Construction: 44 Bed Facility	8.0	\$11,895,000	\$934,073,212
106	41-006	OR	Roseburg	New Construction: 154 Bed Facility	8.0	\$23,997,596	\$958,070,808
107	24-008	MD	Fort Howard	New Construction: 120 Bed facility	8.0	\$40,583,935	\$998,654,743
108	15-002	HI	Honolulu	New Construction: 120 Bed Facility	8.0	\$40,358,357	\$1,039,013,100
109	21-022	KY	Bowling Green	New Construction: 90 Bed Facility	8.0	\$19,500,000	\$1,058,513,100
Total Priority Group 2-8 Applications						\$507,928,765	

2016 VA Priority One Totals

VA Priority List Group 1 (State Matching Funds cont.)							
Rank	FAI No.	State	Locality	Description	Ranking	Estimated VA Share	Cumulative
57	37-012	NC	Salisbury	Renovation: Day Room Addition, Patio, Main Entrance, HVAC, Electrical, Flooring, Walls, Lighting, Nurse Stations and Dining	1.4.F	\$2,600,000	\$219,763,449
58	55-074	WI	Union Grove	Renovation: Fairchild Hall Connector	1.4.F	\$1,981,482	\$221,744,931
59	04-009	AZ	Yuma	New Construction: 60 Bed Facility	1.5	\$9,627,389	\$231,372,320
60	37-015	NC	Wake Co.	New Construction: 120 Bed Facility	1.5	\$25,279,020	\$256,651,340
61	17-028	IL	Chicago	New Construction: 200 Bed Facility	1.7	\$42,675,000	\$299,226,340
62	51-006	VA	Hampton	New Construction: 240 Bed Facility	1.7	\$52,870,350	\$352,096,690
63	32-003	NV	Reno	New Construction: 90 Bed Facility	1.7	\$30,054,250	\$382,150,940
64	51-008	VA	Fairfax	New Construction: 240 Bed Facility	1.7	\$52,870,350	\$435,021,290
65	30-004	MT	Butte	New Construction: 60 Bed Facility	1.7	\$8,937,500	\$443,958,790
66	47-016	TN	Cleveland	New Construction: 108 Bed facility	1.7	\$27,749,999	\$471,708,789
67	45-008	SC	Florence	New Construction: 108 Bed Facility	1.7	\$25,944,695	\$497,653,484
68	45-009	SC	Columbia	New Construction: 108 Bed Facility	1.7	\$26,192,507	\$523,845,991
69	45-010	SC	Gaffney	New Construction: 108 Bed Facility	1.7	\$26,738,345	\$550,584,336
Total Priority Group 1 Applications						\$550,584,336	

Magoffin County Resolution

02/2016

16RS - Legislative Record Online



HR40

16RS

WWW Version

The hyperlink to a bill draft that precedes a summary contains the most recent version (Introduced/GA/Enacted) of the bill. If the session has ended, the hyperlink contains the latest version of the bill at the time of sine die adjournment. Note that the summary pertains to the bill as introduced, which is often different from the most recent version.

HR40 (BR952) - J. Short, G. Stumbo

Urge the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Kentucky's United States Congressional delegation to take the appropriate steps to get the approval and funding necessary for the construction of a veterans center in Magoffin County, Kentucky.

Jan 11, 2016 - introduced in House
Jan 12, 2016 - to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Safety (H)
Jan 14, 2016 - posted in committee
Jan 27, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar
Jan 28, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Monday, February 1, 2016
Feb 01, 2016 - 3rd reading, adopted 92-0

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FY2016 Grant Funding Grant Program Timeline

Grant Program Update

2016 Grant Funding Plan

	Funding
Start of Year Carryover	\$11,131,000
Appropriation	\$120,000,000
Operating Plan	\$126,000,000
Safety & Security Projects (#1-9)	\$8,206,470
New Construction Projects – 360 beds (#10-12)	\$74,377,180
Reserve for FY14 conditionals (NE partial grant)	\$15,000,000
Reserve for Projects #1-12 + Partial Award for #13	\$29,000,000
Estimate for 2016 Grant Awards	\$126,583,650

Grant Program Update

2015 - 2017 Funding

FY16 VA program appropriation increases to \$120M

2015 – 2016 funding limited to safety (1.1.A-H), new construction (1.3) and bed replacement (1.4.B).

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>
PGI Renovation (1.4.C-F)	26@\$45M	44@\$84M
PGI Construction (1.5/1.7)	8@\$188M	11@\$330M

2017 ? States plan to submit 1.3/1.4.B projects

PGI renovation projects 60@\$100M+

NASVH Update

- ▶ Provider Agreement – Contract nursing facilities for 70% veterans. Will not reduce State Veterans Home beds.
 - ▶ Bill sponsorship for cost of care Adult Day Care
 - ▶ 2 seats at the table for future State Veterans Home Design (CLC – Community Living Centers model)
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KDVA Tuition Assistance

October 1, 2015 – April 1, 2016

- Average processed monthly 27
 - Approvals 163
 - Unlimited educational benefits 9
 - 45 months or until age 26 154
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Veteran Claims Submissions

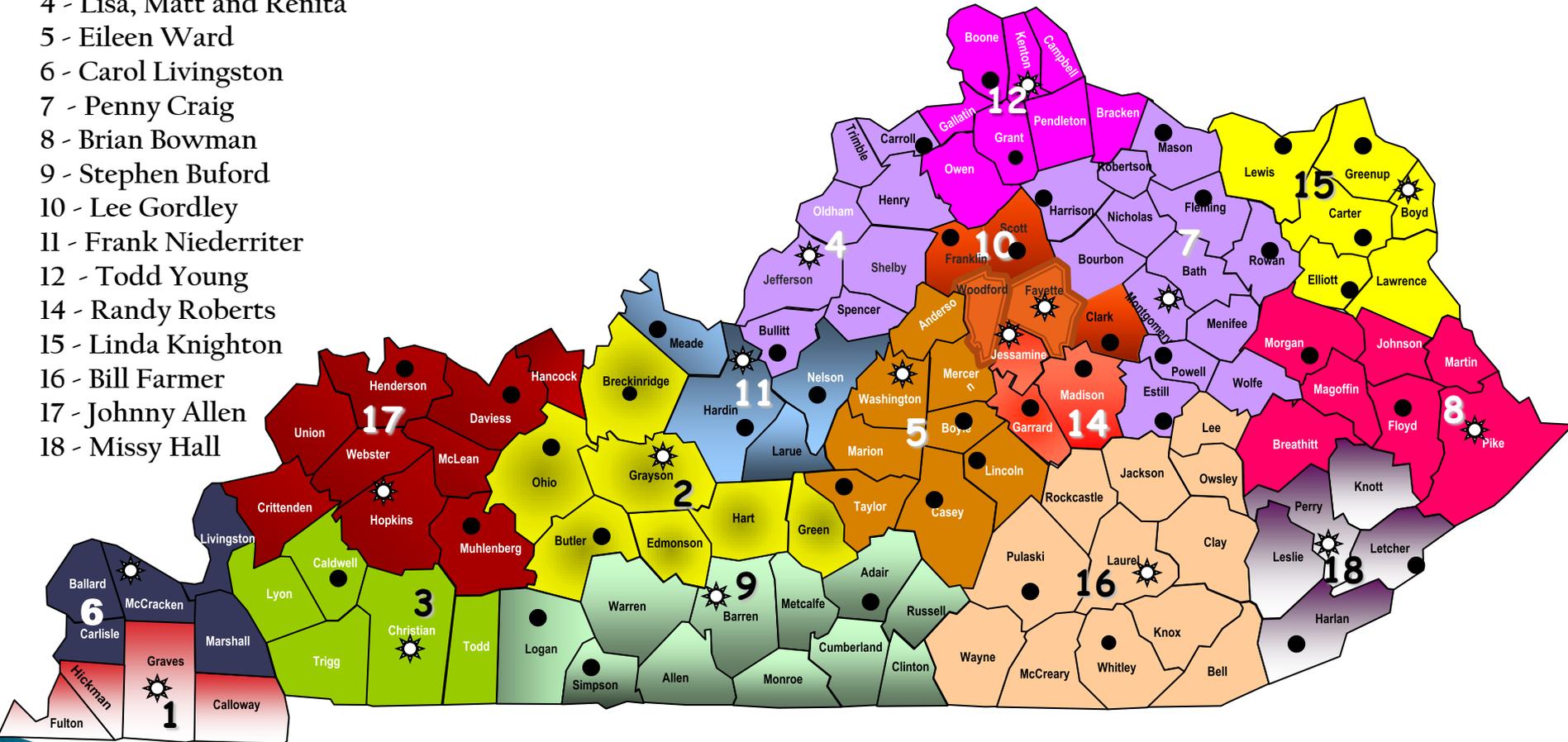
- ▶ KDVA submitted the first compensation claim using the electronic claims process (D2D) on June 1, 2015

- ▶ KDVA Total Electronic Claims 2480
 - New Claims 1553
 - Original Claims 927

- Non-Electronic Claims (Pension and other) 2628
- *Total Claims filed by KDVA (from 6-15-15)* **5108**

Field Representatives

- 1 - Ron McClure
- 2 - Jenny Fisher
- 3 - Hope King
- 4 - Lisa, Matt and Renita
- 5 - Eileen Ward
- 6 - Carol Livingston
- 7 - Penny Craig
- 8 - Brian Bowman
- 9 - Stephen Buford
- 10 - Lee Gordley
- 11 - Frank Niederriter
- 12 - Todd Young
- 14 - Randy Roberts
- 15 - Linda Knighton
- 16 - Bill Farmer
- 17 - Johnny Allen
- 18 - Missy Hall



☀ Denotes VBFR Office

● Denotes VBFR Outstations

Effective September 1, 2015

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2016 Legislative Issues

- ▶ HB 183 - Act relating to disabled veteran-owned businesses..
 - Provide for a disabled veteran-owned business certification program; define “disabled veteran” and “disabled veteran-owned business”; require the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Contract Compliance to establish guidelines for the certification program and application process through the promulgation of administrative regulations.
- ▶ HB 225 – Act relating to occupational licensure for military service members and veterans.
 - Require administrative bodies to issue professional licenses or certificates to military service members or veterans within two years of an honorable discharge if the training received by the service member or veteran could reasonably be expected to provide the necessary experience and skills; grant the administrative body the right to deny licensure or certification if training is not equivalent; allow appeal rights; require administrative bodies to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the provisions of the Act.

2016 Legislative Issues cont'd.

- HB 487 – Act relating to the Governor’s Advisory Board for Veterans Affairs
 - Require that two (2) members of the Governor’s Advisory Board for Veterans Affairs be recommended by the Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations of Kentucky.
- SB 128 – Act relating to women veterans.
 - Permit the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs to promulgate administrative regulations for the Women Veterans Program.
- SB 178 – Act relating to establishing “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in Kentucky”
 - Create a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to designate 30 March as Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day in the Commonwealth.

2016 Legislative Issues cont'd.

- ▶ SR 207 - Urge the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Kentucky's United States Congressional delegation to take the appropriate steps to get the approval and funding necessary for the construction of a veterans' center in Magoffin County, Kentucky.

SR 162 - Designate June 27, 2016, as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Awareness Day and June 2016 as Post-Traumatic Stress Injury Month.

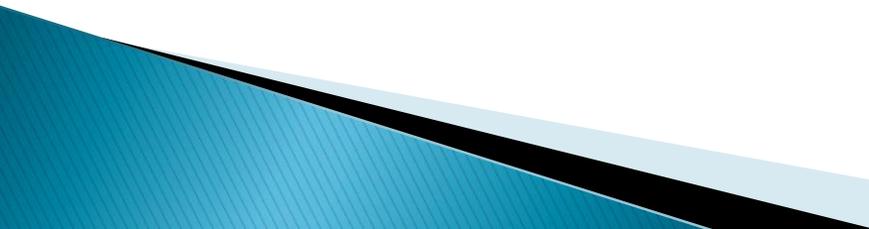
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Homeless Veteran Outreach Program

Emergency Financial Assistance

- To provide a small once-time assistance to qualifying veterans to obtain or maintain housing
 - May not be other than honorably discharge, must be a Kentucky resident, meet income requirements, must show that without this assistance they will remain or become homeless, and must show that they will be able to sustain their housing or utilities in the future.
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Assistance

March 2016

- ❖ Assisted approximately 206 Kentucky Veterans
- ❖ Financially assisted 26 veterans in the amount of \$6,128 to prevent homelessness (avg. \$235 per veteran)
- ❖ 22 random follow up calls from past assistance...
 - 7 were unreachable
 - 12 still had utilities and housing
 - 1 having issues again
 - 2 opted out of HUD/VASH program.

Trina Patty
Homeless Veteran Coordinator
502-352-3120

Homeless Veteran Outreach Program

Upcoming Events

- April 14 meeting with Military OneSource for possible transition committee for newly discharged veterans
 - April 17 VFW District 12 meeting in Maysville
 - April 20 Stand Down Prestonsburg, KY
 - April 24 Keeneland Military Appreciation
 - April 30 Women Veterans Conference
 - May 13 -15 KY Habitat for Humanity Conference Louisville
 - May 21 Hooray for Heroes Radcliff
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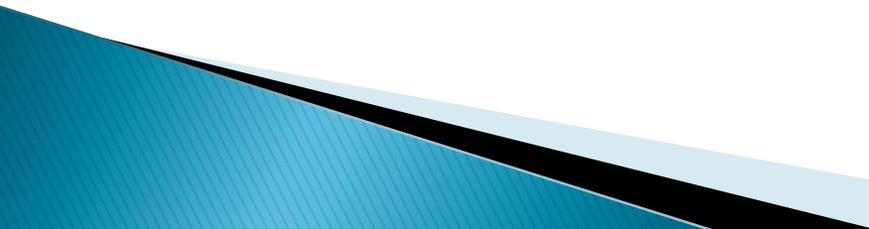
Latest Accomplishments:

- Will provide female veterans for garland presentation for Kentucky Derby
 - Working with U of L dentistry to provide free dental clinic for veterans
 - Invited to the National Association of State Women Veteran Coordinator
 - Louisville City FC Heroes night
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KY Women Veterans UNITED!

2016 Calendar

Upcoming: Women Veterans Calendar

- Apr 9th- Military Child Appreciation Day-Louisville
 - Apr 13th Veterans Resource Fair-Glasgow
 - Apr 20th Veterans Stand Down & Job Fair-Prestonsburg
 - Apr 30th Western Kentucky Women Veterans Conference-Bowling Green
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NEWS – Veterans Treatment Courts

Understanding Justice Involved Veterans

- National Webinar February 11, 2016 - NIC
- Hardin County VTC – February 15, 2016
- Over 220 VTC's Nationwide

5 Veterans Treatment Courts in KY

- Jefferson County
- Fayette County
- Hardin County
- Christian County
- Northern KY

BECOME A MENTOR!



Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs 2016 Project Timeline

TEACH KY Heroes Program

Teach Kentucky Heroes Program

Teach Kentucky Heroes Program

Educate

Advocate

Champion

Honor

The Teach Kentucky Heroes Program is designed to offer resources and information to a variety of people who can serve different roles in assisting our veterans and honoring their service.

TEACH – Assisting teachers with information and program resources available to educate students in grades K-12 about patriotism and honoring our military veterans for their service.

EDUCATE – Creating and maintain a list of veterans and family members available to speak in order to educate our public about sacrifice and service.

ADVOCATE – Helping to provide information and opportunities for the community to be involved in assisting our veterans through volunteer services.

CHAMPION – Our KDVA Veterans Youth Council champion's causes that help veterans and their families and are comprised of students grades 6-12 who volunteer and gather resources for our veterans.

HONOR – Helping to honor those who served by providing certificates of service or assisting with Honorary High School Diplomas.

Creating and implementing the TEACH Program will enable KDVA to provide many diverse opportunities to increase patriotism thru many different avenues thereby raising the awareness about the sacrifice and service of our Kentucky Heroes.

Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs 2016 Project Timeline

KYVETS: KY Veterans Employment Training & Support Program

KYVETS Program

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The **KYVETS Program** is designed to offer resources and support to veterans to assist in gainful employment and training services.

KENTUCKY – KDVA will work with local, state and national resources to offer Kentucky Veterans a better grasp on employment opportunities and training.

VETERANS – Kentucky Veterans of any branch of service during any period of service.

EMPLOYMENT – Helping to provide information and opportunities for veterans to find and learn about employment and training services.

TRAINING – Providing resources available to train and certify veterans for various employment through partnering agencies or organizations.

SUPPORT – Partnering veterans with KDVA Field Benefits Representatives to better serve the veterans in filing for benefits which may include healthcare, vocational rehabilitation and the DVOP/LVER Program.

Upcoming Events & News

- 14 April – THVC Spa Day
- 16 April – Lawrenceburg, KY; Military Child Appreciation Day
- 20 April – Lexington, KY; Recovery from Military Sexual Trauma Symposium
- 20 April – Prestonsburg Stand Down
- 21 April – Louisville, KY; Beargrass Christian Church Women's Ministry
- 30 April – Bowling Green, KY: Western KY Region Women Veterans Conference
- 12-15 May – Vietnam Traveling Wall, Edmonton, Kentucky
- 25 May – Rolling Thunder, 1:00 pm, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Frankfort
- 30 May – Camp Nelson Memorial Day Ceremony, 11:00 am
- 30 May – KY National Guard Memorial Day Service, 2:00 pm, Boone National Guard Center